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ins and out of other governments is by comparison and contrast, and I noticed that all of the Englishmen who would design to honor an American woman by talking politics with her, spoke of our government generally in terms of their own. For instance when talking to one who seemed to have a fair knowledge of state divisions and local political conditions, as I understood his, after he had explained very painstakingly how the states had their separate governments to certain points, he exclaimed: "Ah, I understand. You have home rule."

So when an Englishman showed any interest in our affairs I always asked him what he thought of our government, our president and often what would be his politics if he were in America. Ordinarily this last was too big a thing for him to answer at once because he is too conservative, has too many, and too vital reasons for his policy of affiliation to answer off-hand what to him is so momentous a question. So he would come back with many questions about us, usually prohibition in relation to raising government funds. One of the subjects he always asked me about was to do to expose the fallacy that the business of a community is an affair of revenues.

Without Prejudice. One of the most patient sources of my political education was an Englishman who had traveled most extensively all over the British Isles—had read omnivorously all political creeds, even the American. He had been in the employ of the British government for almost a third of a century and was almost the best informed man on political and governmental matters of any whom I met abroad. And being an old friend he was indulgent of my ignorance, answering all of my questions fully and as he assured me without prejudice.

I knew that when our president visited the king of England they would not put to bed under the embroidered canopy, hand-drawn by the ladies of the court of Queen Charlotte—because to sleep in this is one of the prerogatives of royalty and not to be conferred upon the head of a Republican government, no matter how large the country or how distinguished the head. But it is in the nature of the thing that the heads of monarchies, no matter how insignificant the country, are not to be pressed the royal pillow. Of course I was disposed to resent the discrimination a little till I had seen the bed in which the king of England slept. I then understood the reason. I still think that our president would have honored the bed if he would not mind the quiet night visit the dreams of some of the occupants.

For British Reasons. But after all these fine points had been explained to me I asked Mr. Exton, president of Mr. Wilson, and would he have voted for him had he been a citizen of our country.

He immediately replied that he thought he would and proceeded to give his reasons. Reasons which you will see were British reasons and untenable to an American citizen, although perfectly reasonable to a British subject.

"Yes," he said, "I think, undoubtedly, I should have supported Mr. Wilson. No, I am not saying that I would have been permanently a Democrat, but I should have voted for Mr. Wilson on account of his foreign policies."

(Are you noting the fallacy of imputing British reasoning to an American citizen?) "I do not like your Mr. Roosevelt, although I am conceding that he is one of the biggest men that America has produced, the biggest statesman. But I like Mr. Wilson and would support him because—well, because we can get so much better bargain out of Mr. Wilson than we could out of Mr. Roosevelt."

Notes on the Interview. Eight times I made some little footnotes on my memory. Item 1. No foreigner, however educated and as he may think, unprejudiced, can really get the American "feeling" until he is a regularly ordained citizen of America. And by ordained my unexpressed idea was, consecrated to America by residence and a baptism of blood if need be.

Item 2. The best critique on your own government is your own estimate if made intelligently and patriotically. Item 3. For what reason do we elect our presidents? So that some other government besides our own may receive the blessing of the better

bargain? Or do we elect him for reasons that have to do with our own citizens, our own standing in the nations of the world, our own material welfare and our right to march in the forefront of human progress?

Item 4. To the wind then with all trivial, personal likes or dislikes, or fancied grievances, and from now on, henceforth and forever—because I am a better American citizen than I ever was before in my life. In the words of the American enthusiast—Roosevelt for mine—first, last and all the time.

And if all this appears so to me, an American woman voter, it will so appear to 4,000,000 of me in my own country.

SHOT COP BY MISTAKE

Patrolman in Role of Thug at Bureau Was Taken Seriously.

New York, May 15.—Practical joking and police work make a poor combination. Patrolman Christopher Riley was shot and seriously wounded while playing his part in one of the annual police "parade" here. Riley, dressed as a thug, rushed out of the crowd in front of the reviewing stand and fired two blank cartridges at Police Matron John P. Kilroy, thinking the play real, unnumbered his automatic and put a hole in the police matron's back. Wood had planned the mock assault on the police matron as a surprise. It was.

ALBERT IS CONFIDENT

Prominent U. S. Railroad Man Is Guest of Belgium King.

New York, May 15.—Samuel Hill, who has been associated for 12 years with his father, James J. Hill, in railroad enterprises, and who has just returned from a visit to King Albert of Belgium, left today for Washington.

Mr. Hill arrived from Liverpool last night. He was in Europe several weeks. He declined to disclose the nature of the mission. Mr. Hill said he dined with King Albert at the king's headquarters, visited the Albert line in western France and Flanders, visited the British fleet and saw some of the British harbor protections against submarines.

"King Albert, whom I had known personally for 20 years, was in excellent health and confident of having his country restored at the end of the war," said Mr. Hill.

Weekly Bank Clearings.

City	Amount	Per Cent
New York	\$2,098,382,000	22.1
Chicago	1,117,000,000	11.9
Philadelphia	225,071,000	4.9
Boston	192,341,000	16.7
St. Louis	99,280,000	24.0
Kansas City	86,100,000	14.0
San Francisco	65,988,000	23.3
Pittsburgh	58,221,000	23.3
Baltimore	49,252,000	22.3
Cleveland	39,779,000	14.4
Detroit	36,684,000	28.6
Minneapolis	34,439,000	29.1
Los Angeles	24,997,000	4.2
Omaha	23,980,000	19.0
New Orleans	23,879,000	49.0
Louisville	19,105,000	16.8
San Antonio	17,983,000	17.3
Atlanta	17,278,000	32.1
St. Paul	16,557,000	19.5
Seattle	15,759,000	19.4
Portland, Ore.	14,472,000	21.9
Richmond	10,173,000	71.3
Indianapolis	11,251,000	29.8
Providence	9,210,000	8.2
St. Joseph	8,751,000	10.1
Des Moines	6,471,000	10.6
St. Paul	4,967,000	22.5
Sioux City	4,200,000	4.2
Oklahoma	3,553,000	24.1
Little Rock	3,505,000	34.0
Lincoln	3,165,000	19.5
TOPEKA	1,692,000	2.4

Release Dublin Citizen. London, May 15.—A large number of Dublin residents arrested on suspicion have been released from prison as the result of Premier Asquith's visit to the Irish capital, according to dispatches received here today.

METAL IN SAND?

Aluminum Along Arkansas Valley, Says Aged Inventor.

Claims to Have Process for Extracting Product.

Hutchinson, Kan., May 15.—Kansas may become the seat of a big aluminum reduction works if B. J. Hobson, a veteran mechanic, has not made any mistakes in his calculations.

Hobson, who is 88 years old, and has been spending the greater part of those 88 years in mechanical experimenting, believes he has discovered a method of extracting aluminum from the sand along the Arkansas river bottom by a simple process.

Aluminum is a valuable metal, and Hobson claims the sand along this valley is rich in the metal. The present processes of extraction are so expensive that the aluminum cannot be profitably obtained, but Hobson believes he has discovered the secret of it.

It is an electric process," said Mr. Hobson, "but it is not by electrolysis. I can't enter into the details of it, for I have not secured the patent, but I can extract the aluminum from the sands here at a cost of but a few cents per pound."

Mr. Hobson says he has found a number who will put up the money to develop his idea, the financing has been done, no stock will be sold, but a start will be made and a plant will be erected.

BOYS FOUR PER CENT BAD.

Three Grades of Idiots Named by Dr. Goddard.

Emporia, Kan., May 15.—"Bad boys" average about four to every one hundred school children. This includes boys who skip, use tacks and bent pins in the approved bad boy method, refuse to study, and pull their school hair. It also includes the mental defectives. "Two out of every one hundred school children," says Dr. H. H. Goddard of the Vineland New Jersey Training School in the forthcoming issue of the Kansas Normal school journal, Teaching, "are mentally defective." "Mental defectives," says Dr. Goddard, "are really bad boys, but many that we think are bad are really mentally defective." This means that two out of every four so called "bad boys" are mentally defective.

There are three grades of idiots according to Dr. Goddard, two of which may be found in the schools. The idiot proper has a mentality below that of a two year old child. The imbecile never goes beyond the mentality of an eight year old child. The moron, the highest class of the feeble minded, has a mentality of eight to twelve years. "There has been an old-fashioned idea," says Dr. Goddard, "that every child can learn if he will. It is a mistake, many of the poor students, the 'bad boys,' are feeble minded and should not be in school with the rest. There are children who cannot do eighth grade work, seventh grade work or even first grade work."

The Binet test is the way to discover feeble-mindedness, according to Dr. Goddard. There is no cure for the feeble-minded. The only possible treatment is kindness, a school or a class by themselves, and in training they are fitted to take. It may take a year to teach an imbecile to wash his hands and another year to comb his hair. "Never mind," says Dr. Goddard, "these are fundamental things that must be taught." Since feeble-mindedness is hereditary, the school must undertake the training for the home as often as feeble-minded as the child.

MEXICAN WORKERS SCARCE.

Railroads Have Hard Time Getting Men for Section Gangs.

Lawrence, Kan., May 15.—The Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroads are experiencing some difficulty in getting men for track work both on regular section crews and extra steel gangs. Mexican workers have been the chief standby of these railroads in this kind of work.

The Santa Fe has been planning to change rails on the line from Noria to Topeka for several months. Also to change the rails on the branch line which goes from Lawrence to Ottawa. The commissary department, that furnishes supplies to the Mexican workmen sent a car to Lawrence two months ago. Up to this time the commissary clerk has had no gang to supply. Another car was stationed at Noria for some time and later moved to Lawrence to give the commissary clerk a chance to break the monotony of writing "no gang" across his sales report.

STUDY MILLING METHODS.

Kansans and Outside Millers Attend Course at Agricultural College.

Manhattan, Kan., May 15.—A school for wheat buyers, millers, bakers and flour salesmen of Kansas was opened at the Kansas State Agricultural college here today under the direction of Prof. L. A. Fitz. This is the fourth annual short course of the kind, it was announced, and the two weeks' term will be occupied with the study of wheat and flour testing. Lectures with discussions and laboratory practice will form a greater part of the course. Professor Fitz stated today, and instruction will be given in methods of determining absorption, gluten, total protein, moisture, ash and acidity.

"The Agricultural college is one of the few institutions in the United States that offers such a course as this one," said Professor Fitz, "and we have men from other states as well as from all parts of Kansas here for the work."

BAPTISTS TO GRADUATE.

Plainville, Kan., Girl Gets Degree in Missionary Work.

Kansas City, May 15.—The fourteenth annual commencement exercises of the Kansas City Baptist Theological seminary will start this evening. The Rev. O. C. Brown of Lawrence, Kan., will deliver an address this evening. The program will be concluded Wednesday evening with the presentation of diplomas. A number of Kansas people are graduates. Miss McCarrill is a graduate in missionary work.

DAIRY MEN TO ABILENE.

T. A. Borman and Dr. Waters to Speak at Meeting Next Saturday.

Manhattan, Kan., May 15.—Dairy-men from all central Kansas are expected for a meeting at Abilene May

25 YEARS AGO IN TOPEKA

From the columns of THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL

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The city schools in Emporia teach sewing. That is better than teaching Latin.

General Harrison Kelley, late congressman from this district, came up from his home at Burlington, Coffey county, last night and is visiting among the politicians. In answer to an inquiry by a State Journal reporter he said: "I am not very well posted on politics since I left Washington. However I do not believe that the Alliance is dying out."

The annual Press club party will be given at the Copeland this evening.

The Shawnee County Homeopathic Medical association met at Dr. McCarty's last evening. The next meeting will be held in Dr. Stewart's office the first Wednesday in June.

We may be plunged into war yet, Blaine likes both gold and free silver.

The advisory board of the Orphan's home, consisting of J. Johnson, T. J. Anderson, P. I. Ronebrake, Major K. Hudson, J. S. McCabe, P. H. Noel and Judge A. B. Quinton are still unsettled as to a choice of location for the Orphan's home. Everything points favorably to the purchase of the Carter residence on Chicago avenue between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets which will cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Edward Bellamy will join the Alliance at Cincinnati. When one started there will be no looking backward for the new party.

20 at which problems of interest to producers of dairy products will be discussed by specialists.

Among the speakers will be Dr. H. J. Waters, president of the Agricultural college; T. A. Borman, editor of the Kansas Farmer; O. E. Reed, professor of dairy husbandry, and J. B. Fitch, assistant professor of dairy husbandry in the Agricultural college. It is planned to hold two such meetings each year in addition to a meeting of the state dairy association. Abilene is the center of a region especially interested in dairying, the well known Dickinson County Cow Testing association having been formed there. The second meeting will be held in the autumn, the place not yet having been decided.

NAME NEMAH FARM AGENT.

John D. Lewis Was Formerly Instructor in Animal Husbandry at K. S. A. C.

Manhattan, Kan., May 15.—The appointment of John D. Lewis, formerly instructor in animal husbandry in the Kansas State Agricultural college, as county agent for Nemaha county has just been announced by Edward C. Johnson dean of the division of college extension.

Mr. Lewis is a Pennsylvanian and was graduated in agriculture from the Pennsylvania state college in 1912. He then came to Kansas as assistant in animal husbandry and was made instructor. He resigned Dec. 1, 1914, to take charge of a live stock demonstration farm for the United States department of agriculture at New Here, La. He is regarded as an exceptionally able man. Mr. Lewis will assume his new duties June 1.

GRADUATE LARGEST CLASS.

Mrs. McCarter Will Deliver Commencement Address at Valley Falls.

Valley Falls, Kan., May 15.—The Valley Falls high school will hold its thirtieth annual commencement exercises May 22. Mrs. Margaret Hill McCarter will give the address. The class numbers 27 and is the largest in the history of the high school.

Harry McGuire has been the superintendent for the past eight years and Miss Maud Myers has been principal for 15 years. Both are leaving the institution after this year. Mr. McGuire has been elected superintendent of schools at Kiowa, Kan., and will take up his duties there August 1. Miss Myers will spend next year in California and the Pacific states taking a much needed rest.

The following will finish the four year course: William Hammond, Richard Kerr, Floyd Mick, Edward Lynn, Milton Schindler, P. H. Spence, Freda Abueh, Marie Dean, Coral E. H. Easter, Gertrude, Ethel Glenn, Rosa Heer, Gladys Jones, Mabel Kapreans, Ida McTure, Helen Martin, Gladys Mitchell, Virginia Mitchell, Lillie Nichols, Sunshine Owens, Lottie Potts, Mae Ramsey, Nellie Runkle, Josephine Samson, Una Schindler, Edna Turner, Pearl White.

Miss Edna Turner is president of the class. Miss Sunshine Owens has an enviable record in school. She has gone to school fourteen years and has never been absent a day and neither has she a tardy mark. She is a realist, her rather doubtful if many graduates from high school this year have such a good record.

Cost \$50,000 to Suppress Riot.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 15.—The stock service of the National Guard organization called out in Allegheny county about ten days ago will cost the state between \$50,000 and \$60,000, it was said at the adjutant general's office here today. The four troops of cavalry still on duty will be withdrawn today or tomorrow.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS

IRIS—Valentine Grant in "The Innocent Lie" and Episode 14 of "The Strange Case of Mary Page."

ORPHEUM—H. B. Warner in "The Beggar of Cawnpore;" Keystone-Triangle comedy and vaudeville.

GEM—Ed Cohan in "The Pendulum of Chance" and Helen Holmes in "The Girl and the Game."

COZY—Miriam Nesbitt and Marc McDermott in "The Catspaw."

BEST—Douglas Fairbanks in "His Pictures in the Papers" and Willie Collier in "Better Late Than Never."

CRYSTAL—"Lem's College Career," Myrtle Gonzalez in "The Gambler" and "Graft."

AUTORA—"When the War Gods Decree."

PRINCE—Motion pictures.

NOVELTY—"Virginia Pearson in 'The Hunted Woman' and vaudeville."

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- \$42.00 Mahogany Chair with mulberry velvet covering, at—\$30.00.
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- \$23.00 Mahogany Rocker, mulberry velvet covering, reduced to—\$20.00.
- \$28.00 Mahogany Rocker with blue velvet covering, reduced to—\$22.50.
- \$27.50 Mahogany Chair with blue velvet covering, reduced to—\$22.50.
- \$31.50 Mahogany Chair and Rocker, both tapestry covered, at each—\$25.00.
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- \$2.25 Marquessette Curtains with edge, at pair—\$1.95.
- \$2.50 Marquessette Curtains with insertion, at pair—\$2.10.
- \$3.50 Marquessette Curtains with edge and insertion, pair—\$2.95.
- \$4.25 Marquessette Curtains with edge and insertion, pair—\$3.55.
- 6 prs. \$7.00 Duchess Net Curtains at pair—\$5.50.
- 6 prs. \$4.00 Duchess Net Curtains at pair—\$3.25.
- 3 prs. \$6.00 Brussels Net Curtains at pair—\$4.00.
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